

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The applicant would like to acknowledge, with thanks the Office Action mailed on September 26, 2006. This amendment is responsive to the September 26, 2006 Office Action.

In the Office Action the Examiner objected to the specification as failing to provide a proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. Accordingly, the specification has been amended as described on page 2 of this reply to more clearly show that the channel may include a time slot.

Claims 1, 2, 7-9, 19-24, 26, 27, 32-35, 43-45, 50 and 53 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Kasapi et al. (US pat. 6,999,771 B1) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,993,109 to Velasquez et al. Withdrawal of these rejections is requested because these claims have been cancelled. The remaining claims were allowable by the Examiner.

The Examiner indicated that claims 10, 17, 25, 36, 37, 42, 51, 52, 54, 55, 60 and 61 would be allowable if the were rewritten in independent form. New claim 62 is the equivalent of now cancelled claim 10 rewritten in independent form and containing all of the elements of the base claim and all intervening claims. New claim 66 is the equivalent of now cancelled claim 17 rewritten in independent form and containing all of the elements of the base claim and all intervening claims. New claim 69 is the equivalent of now cancelled claim 25 rewritten in independent form and containing all of the elements of the base claim and all intervening claims. New claim 74 is the equivalent of now cancelled claim 36 rewritten in independent form and containing all of the elements of the base claim and all intervening claims. New claim 80 is the equivalent of now cancelled claim 42 rewritten in independent form and containing all of the elements of the base claim and all intervening claims. New claim 86 is the equivalent of now cancelled claim 51 rewritten in independent form and containing all of the elements of the base claim and all intervening claims. New claim 93 is the equivalent of now cancelled claim 54 rewritten in independent form and containing all of the elements of the base claim and all intervening claims. New claim 99 is the equivalent of now cancelled claim 60 rewritten in independent form and containing all of the elements of the base claim and all intervening claims. Claims 63-65, 67-68, 70-73, 75-85, 87-92, 94-98 and 100 directly depend from claims 66, 69, 74, 80, 86, 93 and 99 respectively and therefore contain each and every element of their

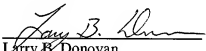
respective base claims. Therefore, claims 63-65, 67-68, 70-73, 75-85, 87-92, 94-98 and 100 are allowable for the same reasons as claims 66, 69, 74, 80, 86, 93 and 99 respectively.

Therefore, by this amendment, only claims that the examiner has indicated are allowable, or claims directly dependent from those claims, remain pending. Therefore, this application is in condition for allowance.

If there are any fees necessitated by the foregoing communication, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 50-0902, referencing our Docket No. 72255/02776.

Respectfully submitted,

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